

1978

Schizophrenia Fellowship of Victoria was founded by families and community members to promote the welfare of people with schizophrenia and their families

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In the organisation's first year, family support groups were established and quickly multiplied, followed by consumer support and activity group

1980s

Between 1982–1990 the Schizophrenia Fellowship established the Schizophrenia Australia Foundation, later to become known as Sane Australia, and developed links with the World Schizophrenia Fellowship

1981

- First grant enables office and two staff
- Margaret Leggatt appointed as director

1982

Early '14 Principles' courses for carers

1985

- 17 Victorian support groups and several interstate
- First National Director employed

1990

First 24-hour residential care in the community

1991

Established first Australian clubhouse integrating employment, training and psychosocial rehabilitation

1995

Elizabeth Crowther appointed as Executive Director

1996

Tendered for early Victorian government community-based programs

1999

1st Bruce Woodcock Memorial Lecture

2000

Our name changed to Mental Illness Fellowship Victoria to better reflect the diversity of mental health issues experienced by participants

2001

Partnered with The Alfred Hospital and Goulburn Valley Area Mental Health

2002

Mental Illness Fellowship Victoria calls its new family education program 'Wellways' – now called Building a Future – written and delivered by carers (wins TheMHS Silver Award 2009)

2003

- Established Wellways education programs
- Became Registered Training Organisation (RTO)

2003

Mental Illness Fellowship Victoria opens the first ever Prevention & Recovery Care (PARC) service in Australia - in Shepparton, in partnership with Goulburn Valley Health (wins TheMHS Gold Award for Service Partnerships)

